

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
September 18, 2000

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, September 18, 2000 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Answer Roll Call: Chuck Bartlett, Marty Betz, Dan Dennis, Tom Paul, Roger Radebaugh, Louisa Relyea, and Ray Torbit.

Also Present: Penny Lauer, Secretary

Absent: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer, Jay Torbit and Mark Johnson, City Attorney

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the July 17 and August 21 minutes as corrected was made by Mrs. Relyea and seconded by Mr. Betz. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial reports were reviewed and will be filed for audit. Mr. Radebaugh gave a summary of the reports and explained the budget schedule. There was discussion regarding paying of contractor's bills for the remodeling of the new City Hall building. Mr. Radebaugh suggested no bills be paid without Mr. Bartlett's approval. Mrs. Maynard is keeping track of the expenses by each bid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Lauer read a letter from King-Rhodes, regarding erecting signs at the South Entrance. Mr. Daggett is definitely tearing down the big sign. Mrs. Relyea explained two new signs, similar to those at the South Golf Course would be put up. Mr. Betz made a motion to approve the correspondence and lease two small parcels for 50 years with a lease payment of \$1.00 per year. Any expense associated with the construction of the two signs would be at the expense of the City and not Daggett Development. Mr. Bartlett seconded. Discussion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Relyea will find out exact dimensions and other paper work needed.

REPORTS:

Airport: Mrs. Relyea reported they have received two grants totaling over \$200,000. The runway, taxiway and aircraft parking areas have been resurfaced. They are going for another grant to do other work. They are also asking the school if any students would be interested in studying to be a pilot.

Roads: Mr. Torbit passed out a sample letter which the Committee would like to distribute to every resident along Pottawattamie. The letter explains the work that will be going on and the road right-of-ways. He explained that two bids had been received, one from Atlas and one from Delta, with a difference of \$4,000. Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, apparent low bidder, gave a total of \$241,810. Separate bids were let for the repair work, smoothing the road surface, clearing

ditches, etc. No bids were received. They were originally estimated the repair work to be approximately \$50,000. After further discussions Ray Maynard was able to get a bid from Thompson Construction of \$96,200, quoting asphalt at \$74 per ton where the overlay bid quoted the same asphalt at \$38.50 per ton. Mrs. Lauer said another bid was received today. She left it sealed and in the safe. There is no time limit in which to spend the road turnback money. There was discussion regarding road striping.

Animal Control: Mr. Dennis reported the new officer, Russell Holt, is doing a good job. The number of days an animal is being kept at the kennel is finally under control. Fees of \$101 were collected and seven citations were given. We are only acting on those situations that are being called in by the public. Mr. Torbit has had a call regarding people putting out scraps for the wild animals from a member of his ward. He suggested the person put together a petition or letter and have the neighbors sign it, then send it in to the City. We would then act on the petition.

Building Committee: Mr. Bartlett has been waiting six months to report that work has actually started in the new building! The plumbing is almost done. Heating and air conditioning work up above the ceilings is done. Carpentry and framing has been started. Stop in and see. We are advertising for the final four bids: sheetrock, flooring, ceiling tile and glass for doors and windows. These bids will be opened September 29. They had made an estimate of the remodeling to be \$150,000. After the bids are added up, they come in slightly under that. Discussion regarding the fire sprinkler system. David Harris, Highland Windows, has donated three glass panels. We have received a donation of \$10,000, and we will have a plaque made in recognition. Mr. Radebaugh and Mrs. Relyea suggested recognitions of other names of donators to the City. Perhaps have a few people get together and make some recommendations.

Census: Ray Torbit reported that the census is complete in Cherokee Village.

Emergency Services: Mrs. Relyea reported that she and Mr. Hrezo, Building Inspector, have attended a FEMA seminar. The three dams upstream from Lake Cherokee are being looked at.

Cherokee Village Promotion: Oral Henderson reported that a crew has been here from KAIT-TV August 5 - 7. There was a meeting of the Committee August 30. The website has been revised and modernized. Mr. Bratcher has spent untold hours into this development. He is continually updated information and several pages are still under construction. We may want to think about reimbursing him for expenses. Leon Prenger has been looking into our getting a Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Henderson is trying to restructure the P.O.A. There are no people who have volunteered to be officers of P.O.A. Most people think the City should take over some of the things the P.O.A. has been providing to the community. Mr. Henderson suggested that Wendell Jahnke, President of the CVBA, Mr. Henderson, himself, and a person whom Mayor Rogers appoints make up a committee to look into the feasibility of combining the P.O.A. and the Business Association with a Chamber of Commerce. Regarding a weather stick so Cherokee Village can be put on the weather map - Ray Maynard, Director of the Sharp County Regional Airport, has asked the Airport Authority if they could pay the \$2,500 cost of such equipment. They already have other budget commitments and cannot fund such a project at this time. Mr. Henderson will ask for the cost in the new budget.

Investigation Committee for Election of SID Commissioners: Mr. Henderson stated there has been no real action as yet. Senator Paul Miller has been doing some research, but is not too positive. There are no other SID's in the state exactly like ours. Senator Miller was going to meet with Representative Boyd Hickinbotham who has done some work on this matter previously.

Environmental: Mr. Betz reported we are still spending too much time on the garbage, but it does seem to be smoothing out. To date there are 163 known vacant properties, and 50 residents have "trash cards". We now have a letter we are sending out with a paragraph written by our attorney.

Municipal Development: Tom Paul reported that Virginia Schmidt of his committee is working on seeing what grants we are eligible for. She has said we could get more grants easier if we could get together with Hardy, Highland and Ash Flat and form some kind of area. Scott Paul is trying to make up youth recreation centers and is working with SID – possibly something at the Thunderbird Center. They are looking into industrial centers, sewer systems and natural gas. They have talked about monthly newsletters to the residents to keep rumors down. Perhaps we should look into having a PR person at the new City Hall. Intersections have been discussed as far as views. Vacant lots that have gone back to the State are another subject. The committee would like to look into dealing with the State and SID to perhaps join several of these lots together with one SID fee so people could buy a larger tract of land, also working within the bills of assurance. They still haven't found a director for the subcommittee of Health and Welfare. Presently there are six churches going together to make a not-for-profit corporation to buy or build a senior housing facility in this area. They are currently looking at the availability of Pelton Place. Discussions about properties around the Airport and Ash Flat annexation. Mr. Johnson is to look into annexation procedures for our City. Mayor Rogers also asked Mr. Johnson to talk with Mr. Rolle and Mr. Daggett.

Planning & Zoning: Mr. Bartlett reported that 190 remodel permits have been issued and two new home permits. Four or five new homes are in the works. This means that we have issued at least one permit every working day so far this year. Mr. Hrezo has attended a meeting of the Spring River Builders Association. He reported that Sharp County has formed a Planning Commission and heard the proposal of what the County will be doing, not being sure if they will be issuing permits or not. The whole group of builders is in favor of the idea of building permits. It is hard for a legitimate builder to make a profit with all the shoddy work being done. They would like the County to uphold the State regulations.

Mrs. Lauer read the variance request from John Hamm. Mr. Betz motioned the variance be granted. Mr. Paul seconded. Discussion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Police and Security: Mr. Dennis reported on the new software the Commission has acquired. It is helping to keep track of all the warrants we are issuing. Officer Scott Goodwin has been promoted to the position of Lieutenant for a probationary period of six months.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rogers asked Ray Torbit to report on his findings on municipal courts. He has found that the only Municipal Court around is the Ash Flat Municipal Court but is actually a municipal court for Sharp County. The judge's salary is being paid by the quorum court, as are the other court employees. All ordinances from other cities and from the municipal league are "older than dirt". David Schoen is supposed to be working up a new one and will fax it to us.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Clean up: have had quite a few people ask about one. Our contract with I.E.S.I. specifies they are to furnish dumpsters for a spring cleanup. We have not budgeted for a fall cleanup - \$600. People should be told they could get a special pickup from I.E.S.I. based on \$12.75 per cubic yard. We could put something in Jim's column.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thursday, September 21, 10:30 AM; SID meeting, Omaha Center
- Thursday, September 21, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
- Saturday, September 23, 2:00 PM; Shrine Parade lineup, Dinner after at Methodist Church
- Friday, September 29, 2:00 PM; City Hall building bid opening
- Monday, October 2, 2:00 PM; Working Session, City Hall
- Wednesday, October 4, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning
- Thursday, October 5, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
- Monday, October 9, 2:00 PM; POA Meeting - Club Fair, Omaha Center
- Monday, October 9, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
- Monday, October 9, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
- Thursday, October 12, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Elk's Club
- Monday, October 16, 2:00 PM; Regular Council Meeting, City Hall
- Thursday, October 19, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court, Ash Flat Courthouse

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

DATE: October 16, 2000

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST: Susan E. Maynard
Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer